



Inspection Report

Bryan Hovatter
Hovatters Wildlife Zoo
291 Wagner Lane
Kingwood, WV 26537

Customer ID: 2880
Certificate: 54-C-0119
Site: 001
BRYAN K HOVATTER

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
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FACILITIES, GENERAL.

On inspection, one metal chain-link guillotine door in the enclosure of three adult leopards used to permit access to others sections of the enclosure was determined to be in disrepair and does not protect the animals from potential injury. The hand operated chain used to lower and raise the door broke a few days before. The licensee used an unattached metal stake to wedge the door open. Since part of the metal stake is inside the enclosure, the leopards could move the rod from placement. This is extremely dangerous if the stake becomes loose and dislodges. The weight of the metal door could easily cause injury to a foot or tail or possibly cause death in an animal. There is no counterweight or secondary mechanism to prevent the door from sliding down with full force. Repair or replace the guillotine door to secure the door from sliding down. Additionally, monitor all guillotine doors so the doors can be operated that protects the animals from possible injuries.

Corrected at time of inspection

The 2 in. by 1 in. wire enclosure fence for two adult tigers had a hole in the fence where three sharp wire ends protrude inside the enclosure. According to the licensee, the hole was used as a place for a feeding tube to enter into the enclosure, but the tube was removed after putting tigers inside this enclosure. Sharp points or jagged edges could cause injury and pain to an animal. Loose wires are also more likely to break off and be eaten. All housing surfaces of the facility must be free of all sharp points or edges, and monitor all wire fences to ensure loose wires are removed and could not injury any animals.

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The inspection and exit interview were conducted with the owner.

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